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SUBJECT: CIEC: OPENING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING

1. FOLLOWING A DAY OF CAUCUSSING AMONG G-8 ON MAY 25,  
THE CIEC SENIOR OFFICIALS OPENED WITH A PLENARY MEETING  
ON MORNING OF MAY 26. THE BASIC STRUCTURE FOR THE

SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING WAS WORKED OUT IN ADVANCE BETWEEN THE CANADIAN AND VENEZUELAN CONFERENCE COCHAIRMAN AND ENVISAGED AN ESSENTIALLY TWO-TRACK PROCESS. THE FIRST TRACK INVOLVES THE SENIOR OFFICIALS DIVIDING INTO FOUR WORKING GROUPS (ANALOGOUS TO BUT IN PRINCIPLE DISCONTINUOUS FROM THE FOUR CIEC COMMISSIONS) AND SEEKING IN THAT WAY TO NARROW THE ISSUES BEFORE THE CONFERENCE TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. THE SECOND TRACK INVOLVED PREPARATION OF A FINAL MINISTERIAL DECLARATION. THIS IS TO BE DONE AMONG THE CANADIANS AND VENEZUELAN AS CONFERENCE COCHAIRMAN, EACH OF WHOM IS TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HIS RESPECTIVE GROUP.

2. HORIZONTAL G-8 ON MAY 25 AGREED TO THIS STRUCTURE, DESPITE CONCERN BY SOME DELEGATIONS (E.G. JAPAN, EC, SWITZERLAND) THAT PROCEEDING THROUGH WORKING GROUPS WOULD RISK HAVING G-19 SEEK TO KEEP ALL OR MOST OF THEIR UNRESOLVED ISSUES ALIVE. USDEL (BOSWORTH) SUPPORTED CANADIAN/VENEZUELAN ORGANIZATIONAL PROPOSAL ARGUING THAT IT WAS BEST OF ADMITTEDLY IMPERFECT SET OF ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO PROCEED, THAT SIMULTANEOUS WORKING GROUPS WOULD PROVIDE PRACTICAL MECHANISM FOR ALLOWING SENIOR OFFICIALS TO REVIEW WHOLE WORK OF CONFERENCE AND WOULD IN FACT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY IF IT WISHES FOR G-19 TO ACCEPT G-8 POSITIONS ALREADY TABLED, MOST OF WHICH REPRESENTED OUR LAST BEST OFFERS.

3. SENIOR OFFICIALS PLENARY ON MAY 26 ALSO AGREED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ORGANIZATIONAL PROPOSAL. MEETING WAS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TAKEN UP BY REPORTS OF COMMISSION COCHAIRMAN ARIAS-SCHRIEBER (RAW MATERIALS), AIT-CHAALAL (DEVELOPMENT) AND TEGANEH (FINANCE) GAVE FULL LISTING OF ISSUES AS THEY HAD BEEN LEFT BY COMMISSION CONTACT GROUPS ON MAY 14 AND TENDED TO STRESS EXTENT TO WHICH PROGRESS THUS FAR ACHIEVED FELL SHORT OF G-19 EXPECTATIONS AND OF CRITERIA FOR CIEC WHICH SENIOR OFFICIALS HAD ARTICULATED LAST JULY. G-19 ENERGY COCHAIRMAN (TAHER) TOOK MORE POSITIVE VIEW OF RESULTS OF CONFERENCE THUS FAR AS DID THE FOUR G-8 COCHAIRMAN, OR THE OTHER G-19 COCHAIRMAN.

4. THE FOUR WORKING GROUPS BEGAN MEETING AFTERNOON MAY 26 AND ARE TO REPORT BACK TO SENIOR OFFICIALS PLENARY AFTERNOON MAY 27. IT WAS HOPED THIS SHORT DEADLINE SHOULD HELP CONCENTRATE THEIR WORK ON ISSUES ON WHICH AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED OR A NECESSARY FOCUS PROVIDED FOR THE MINISTERIAL.

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